

Nicholas Co. Fire Protection District

Board Meeting

3/5/2012

Meeting called to order at 6:35 P.M. Members present were Chairman Jimmy Price, Vice Chair Doug McCord, Sec. Arnold Payne, Doug French, Mike Smith, and Ronnie Clark. Also present Assistant Chief Matt Hughes.

Read minutes from Feb. 6 board meeting, Feb. 10 disciplinary hearing, and Feb. 14 called meeting. Motion made by Doug French to approve minutes, 2nd by Mike Smith and approved by all.

Treasures report given by Doug French, discussion held on state aid money (whether it had been paid on fire truck loan or not). Motion made by Mike Smith to approve report, 2nd by Doug McCord and approved by all.

Chief's report given by Matt Hughes, all firefighters had acquired proper training hours for 2011 and needed to be paid their training incentive of \$100. Motion made by Doug French to approve report and pay incentive, 2nd by Mike Smith and approved by all.

A bill was received from William Knobel for attorney fees in the amount of \$4608. A motion was made by Doug McCord to pay the bill, 2nd by Mike Smith and approved by all.

Discussion held on radio batteries needing to be replaced. A motion was made by Doug French to purchase new batteries, 2nd by Doug McCord and approved by all.

Monthly bills were read and discussed. A motion was made Doug McCord to pay the bills, 2nd by Mike Smith and approved by all.

Discussion held on getting a P.O. Box # for the fire dept. Motion made by Doug French to get P.O. Box #, 2nd by Mike Smith and approved by all. Arnold Payne to check on box #.

E-paging system was discussed and Matt Hughes to check on getting system back in operation and billed for.

Computers for the Fire Dept. were discussed with Doug French making a motion to purchase a new computer under \$600, motion 2nd by Doug McCord and approved by all. Doug French is going to check on buying new computer.

New firefighters, application process, drug testing, and background check discussed. 5 people have shown interest and asked about being put on the fire dept. Cameron Crawford, Johnny Parton, Bobby Price, Ricky Hughes, and Mike McDowell were discussed. Motion made to hire 2 people with previous experience then motion was retracted. After more discussion a motion was made by Doug McCord to hire all 5 pending application and background checks, 2nd by Doug French. Motion passed 4-1 with Mike Smith opposing.

Discussed minutes of meetings being kept in Co. clerk's office for public viewing. Arnold Payne stated that minutes are kept with the fiscal court minutes and are available to the public for viewing.

Bookkeeping was discussed as Janie Smith resigned as bookkeeper/ secretary. No action was taken.

Repeater license for radio is due to renew this year, Jimmy Price is to check on and find out process and price for renewal.

Surplus office supplies from University of Kentucky, Grants and new Fire House were discussed.

At 8:05 Matt Hughes, Doug French, and Mike Smith left the meeting for a fire run. After their return meeting continued for further business

Election process for board members discussed, by-laws were read pertaining to election process and an election committee was formed for 2012 property owner election. Doug McCord, Doug French, and Ronnie Clark were appointed to the committee for this year.

Board meetings time and day were discussed with the thought of having firefighter meetings being held on the night before board meetings so that if there were an issue or concern of firefighters that that issue may be dealt with as soon as possible. After discussion Doug McCord made a motion to temporarily change board meetings to the first Tuesday of the month, change meeting time to 7:00 P.M. all year long, and change firefighter meetings to Monday nights, motion 2nd by Doug French and approved by all.

No reported co. water usage reported this month.

Discussion held on board member appointments by the co. judge executive having to live inside the fire protection tax district.

No further discussions were held and Doug French made a motion to adjourn the meeting, 2nd by Doug McCord, motion passed with all in favor. Meeting adjourned.